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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN ACETIC ANHYDRIDE IMPORTS

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1. WITHOUT SURFACING CONNECTION WITH NARCOTICS PROGRAM, CONGEN HAS ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE WHO IN FACT DOES IMPORT ACETIC ANHYDRIDE IN KARACHI AREA. DIRECT INQUIRIES TO MANAGERS OF PAK CHEMICALS (ADDRESS: MALIR INDUSTRIAL AREA, LIAQUAT SQUARE, KARACHI -- WTDR NO. 14, FEBRUARY 1970) AND AGHA BROS. (ADDRESS: 22 BADRI BUILDING, I.I. CHUNDRIGAR ROAD, KARACHI -- WTDR NO. 132, OCTOBER 1972) ELICITED A DENIAL THAT THEY IMPORT THE CHEMICAL AT ALL FROM ANY SOURCE. ASKED WHO DOES, THE GENTLEMAN AT PAK CHEMICALS SAID HE BELIEVED UNITED CHEMICALS, A SUBSIDIARY OF KOHINOOR MILLS IN LAHORE MANUFACTURED ACETIC ACID LOCALLY, BUT "DID NOT USE THE HYDRIDE METHOD. HOWEVER, ANOTHER SOURCE IN CHEMICAL TRADE CLAIMS PAK CHEMICALS, UNITED CHEMICALS AND ASPRO-NICHOLAS ARE PRINCIPAL IMPORTERS OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE. TOTAL ANNUAL IMPORT IS, ACCORDING THEIR PRIVATE RECORDS, ABOUT 350 TONS, AND PRIN-
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CIPAL SUPPLIERS ARE BAYER (GERMANY), RODIN

(FRANCE) AND GUSSA.

2. OTTSR INQUIRIES TO PAKISTAN CHEMICALS AND DYE MERCHANTS ASSOC., AND PAK CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS ASSOC. ALSO RETURNED NEGATIVES WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THEY KNEW WHO IMPORTERS MIGHT BE. THERE IS LONG LIST OF POTENTIAL CHEMICAL IMPORTERS IN KARACHI AREA, AND CONGEN CONTINUING ITS ATTEMPTS IDENTIFY AND CLARIFY WHO DOES IMPORT THIS PRODUCT. BECAUSE INFORMATION NOT READILY AVAILABLE, AND BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH SHOW UNDUE INTEREST LEST WE WARN OFF ANY ILLEGAL IMPORTERS/USERS, WE EXPECT SOME DELAY IN POSITIVELY IDENTIFYING WHO THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE.
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